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July 12, 2007 7:00 pm

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Field Day Photos!



July's Meeting

Rod, WI6M will be doing a presentation on JT65 and other digital modes

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Ham Radio, Computers, Electronics
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1st & 3rd Saturday of the Month
GATES OPEN 6:30 AM

From The President

Paul KC6QLS



Thank you to all who participated in Field Day this year. We had a lot of fun and everyone pitched in and helped out. We missed our annual cooks, KG6FBV, KD6QB, and KF6WXA, who were unable to attend. A big thank you to our Social Chair, KD6PRV, and his helpers KI6JUD, KI6EEK, and KI6EEL who did a fine job and there were plenty of good eats. The radios and software worked without any problems and the new load center is great. It looks like it will be around for many years. We tried a few new things at Field Day this year – a club t-shirt contest, a SANDARC VE test site and a T-Hunt. All were very successful and hopefully some new traditions have been born. We also had great attendance all three days, which included visitors, past members, renewals of past members and new members joining.

It was a pleasure to have our Section Manager, Pat WA6MHZ, visit Sunday morning and he shared photos from the other Field Day sites he had visited. That was a real treat to see what all the other clubs were doing. A special thanks to our VP and Field Day Chairman, Ed Felter AI6O, for all his hard work and efforts in planning, encouraging and leading all of us through a fun and successful Field Day. I am looking forward to another fun filled Field Day next year!

73, Paul Rios, KC6QLS President



Next Class will be in September
Extra Class is forming, please call
Gordon, AE6QW at 561-6323

Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon

General Membership Meeting
14 June 2007



The general membership meeting of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon was called to order by club president Paul Rios, KC6QLS at 1915hrs.

SECRETARY'S report as published in the *Counterpoise* was approved as published.

EDUCATION: Mike, N6OPH reported that the extra theory course would begin on the second Tuesday of September. No further classes are scheduled for the remainder of the year.

TREASURER: Mike "Stogie" Panger, KG6JCW read his report. It was approved as read and filed for audit.

An HP Laser jet printer was donated by Ken Cohen, KI6HRH for the silent auction. The minimum bid is \$25.00. Ken also described a WI-FI antenna that he built using a stainless steel mixing bowl!

This topic of this evening's meeting would be field day, featuring Ed Felter, AI6O the Field Day Chairman. All aspects of the upcoming Field Day event were discussed with membership participation. Paul, KC6QLS also demonstrated the Field Day software that would be utilized during the event.

After the break, the business portion of the meeting continued.

Silent Auction winner is Mike Maston, N6OPH. The annual picnic would be held on 4 August at La Mesita Park.

The July speaker would be WI6M who will speak about EME software (JG-65 software).

SANDARC report was given by Larry AE6AV. He reported that the primary discussion was about the Del Mar fair. There is a proposal to move the Del Mar booth to the infield for 2008. A committee was formed to investigate the feasibility of the move and report back to the council before the end of the year. Tuck, NZ6T and Paul, KC6QLS were appointed to the executive board by the chairman. Mike, N6OPH reported on his negotiations with the Marriott hotel regarding the 2010 convention. The Marriott is taking a sterner stance this time around so negotiations would become more intense.

MEMBERSHIP now totals 255 members with 47 in attendance this evening.

PUBLIC SERVICE Chairman Rich, N6NKJ reported that there were no incidents on the bike ride event. Sixteen people would be needed for the Red Flag patrol this year. CDF has been renamed "CALFIRE." Rich will be working with Cal Fire as Roxanne's coordinator as Rich is no longer with ARES. REACT has become part of the emergency network along with the hams within Cal Fire.

NET MANAGER Mike, KG6TDP reported on the increasing participation on the WAMO nets.

John KF6XY and Cal are both ill.

There being no further business before the general membership, the meeting was adjourned at 2106hrs.

Respectfully submitted

Michael P Maston, N6OPH
Secretary
Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon

VEC Testing Sites

1 st Saturday:	El Cajon 10:00 am First Lutheran Church of EC 867 South Lincoln Ave.
2 nd Saturday:	Carlsbad 9:30 am Carlsbad Safety Center Orion Way Carlsbad
3 rd Saturday:	North Park 10:00 am North Park Recreation Center 4044 Idaho Street San Diego
4 th Saturday:	Chula Vista 8:30 am Fire Station #7 1640 Santa Venetia Chula Vista
5 th or last Saturday:	Escondido 9:00 am LDS Church 1917 East Washington St.

To make advance reservations or to find out more info from the site captain, please call 465-EXAM (3926)

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From The Vice President AI6O ED



What a great time we had at Field Day!

The turnout was tremendous, even though we got off to a slow start. Only 5 of us showed up for breakfast at 8 a.m. at the Ranch House. I was beginning to think I hadn't done enough to keep work day in our collective minds. But we got to the storage facility and there we had more than enough to load.

By the time we got up on the mountain, there were nearly 25 ready, willing and able souls to set up the gear. The stations began to appear, the towers were put up and antennas were installed. By night fall we had virtually everything in place. There were some last minute adjustments on Saturday morning, but at 10:55 a.m. we were all just waiting on the clock to begin transmitting on behalf of WA6BGS Field Day. At 11:00 a.m. we were off and running! We stayed on the air solid for 24 hours and racked up over 900 QSO's.

I know I would leave out someone if I listed all the heroes of this event. However, I do want to say that it was great to have a true CW op in NN6K, Les in the operation. Also, a special thanks to Paul, KC6QLS who didn't let being President stand in the way of also filling in as Assistant Chef! Thanks also to all the examiners who helped us administer 5 General Exams and one Technician exam. Passing rate was nearly 100%. I believe this is a first for ARCEC Field Day. Finally a special thanks to the 20 people who were there for break down and transporting the gear back to Lakeside. As usual, ARCEC members and guests pitched in and we cooperated beautifully. Out of it all we had several new members to join the club.

A big "thank you" to all who assisted me and worked with each other in the club. I am proud of ARCEC and its Field Day accomplishment.

Straight ahead!

Ed Felter, AI6O

WA6BGS Nets

Mike Oberbauer:	KG6TDP	Net Manger
Mike Oberbauer:	KG6TDP	Net Controller
Frito	N6WKB	Wide Open Nets
Ed Felter	AI6O	WAMO/D

WAMO NETS:

Wednesday and Saturday Nights
8:00 pm local time 7:30 "Checkins"

Tuesday Night Rag Chew net:
8:00 pm

Nets held on club repeaters

WA6BGS Repeaters

RX 147.420 (146.475) 107.2 PL

RX 224.080 – 107.2 PL

RX 445.900 – 107.2 PL

Don't miss it. All members welcome.

New WAMO/D Net

ARCEC, San Diego Digital VHF Net

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Day: Thurs. "Except 2nd Thurs. of the month"

Mode: PSK31

Frequency: 50.290 MHz. and a QSY to 144.144 MHz

This is an open net and all are invited. Early check-ins will be taken. Hope to see you on the waterfall!

WAMO means Worked All Members Only. The purpose of WAMO is to encourage people to people communication between club members and to publicize the name of the club among fellow amateurs.


Calendar of Events July 2007

July	3:	Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
July	5:	SDDVHF PSK Net 8 PM 20.290 MHz
July	7:	Swap Meet, Santee Drive In, 6:30 am
July	7:	T-Hunt, Grossmont College lot, 6:00 pm
July	12:	General Meeting, 7:00 pm
July	16:	Counterpoise Dead Line
July	19:	SDDVHF PSK Net 8 PM 20.290 MHz
July	21:	Swap Meet, Santee Drive In, 6:30 am
July	21:	T-Hunt, Grossmont College lot, 6:00 pm
July	27:	SDDVHF PSK Net 8 PM 20.290 MHz

Upcoming Event Dates

Aug.	4:	ARCEC Annual Picnic
Sept.	7-9	Convention 2007
Oct.	??:	Fire Station Open House
Nov.	18:	Mother Goose Parade

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Name _____
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City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Send to Membership Chairperson:
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ARCEC Membership Application

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3. First Name	4. Last Name
5. Street Address	6. City, State, Zip+4
7. Home Phone	8. Work Phone
May we list: Y N	
9. DOB	10. e-mail
11. ARRL Member Yes no	12. ARES Member Yes No
13. RACES Member Yes No	14. Sponsored by: or Family Member

Return this form with check made payable to the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon or ARCEC for new or renewal membership. Annual Dues \$18.00 for Individual, \$30.00 for family. New members add \$5.00 per member. Include your call on Check. Mail to
Membership Chairperson
A.R.C.E.C, P.O. Box 50, El Cajon, CA 92022

New () or Renewal ()	WAMO Number
Certificate Issued	Dues from _____ To _____
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Computer Roster Available

Want the roster sent to you via e-mail? Send an e-mail to Ann Rios KC6TBG, and she will send you the database back as an attachment. She uses Excel, but may be able to convert to various formats if asked. Send your request to 619-593-9445 or KC6TBG@cox.net

FUN PAGE

Birthdays July

July	1	WB6DTR	Alex	Groza
July	1	KF6YVL	Denise	Taylor
July	3	KG6PSK	Mark	Robinson
July	5	NZ6T	Tuck	Miller
July	6	WA6L	John	Graf
July	7	AC6FM	Michael	Breaux
July	9	KI6DAP	Carter	Johnston
July	12	KG6SMT	Bryan	Kukuk
July	13	KF6SXZ	Marco	Thorne
July	13	KG6ZTN	Henk	Visser
July	13	K5ERS	Eliseo	Sisneros
July	14	W6MTG	Mike	Greene
July	15	KF6OZD	Wayne	Oliver
July	16	AD6ZM	Jack	Star
July	22	KF6WXA	Susan	Kochel
July	23	KF6WNX	Earl	Davis
July	25	N6LRV	Gary	Richardson
July	25	KO4QT	Steve	Weed
July	27	WA1ZEN	Tim	Ames
July	27	KR6RG	Roy	Gallagher
July	27	KE6ASP	Everett	Ratta
July	31	N6OPH	Mike	Maston
July	31	KE6GLM	Griff	Davies
July	31	KI6FNE	Samantha	Lang
July	31	KI6FMJ	Alexandra	Lang

Word Search " Digital Modes "

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Brain Thinkers

June 2007

19= G. S. for the V.P.

19 Gun Salute for the Vice President

48= C. in a P. D.

48 Cards in a Pinochle Deck

366= D. in a L. Y.

366 Days in a Leap Year

----- This Months -----

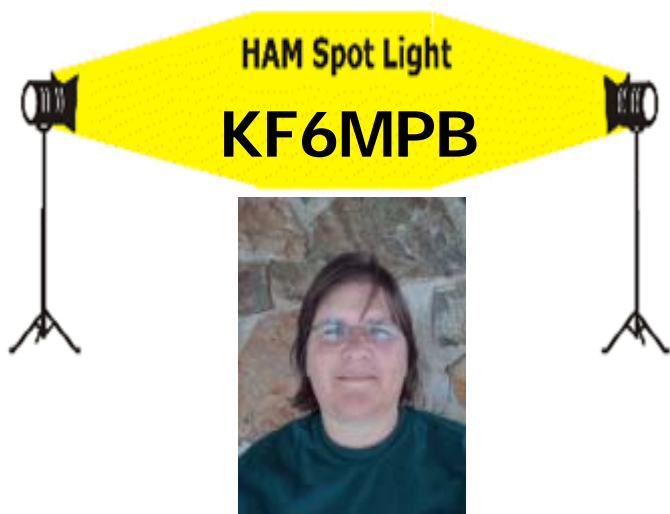
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13= a B.'s D

43= B. in E. C. of N.

Last Months Word Search

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Joni Cranmore KF6MPB, WAMO # 1405, is this month's spotlight, but she stands out year round. She's got the excitement and love for radio that keeps the hobby alive, and growing. Joni's a native San Diegan and has been a member of the El Cajon Club for about ten years.

She got into radio because she wanted to keep in touch with a friend who only had a radio. Talk about a good friend! Joni earned her license in 1997 and has been involved since. She's been busy talking with her friend, working 2 meter, making many contacts and participating in several Field Days. One of her first memorable experiences was also very chaotic. Joni remembers the buzz around her first Field Day fondly, and is proud of her accomplishments and happy to join the fun every year.

Joni works for a company called Qualcomm as a materials coordinator on third shift in "the bank". She lives in Lakeside near her horse, (Honey) and with cats Torti and her kids Lestat and Pandora. Some of her other interests include spinning (yarn and stories), knitting, and reading.

She believes Ham Radio is a great hobby, and there will always be a place for it since it proves itself still useful in our world today. She

says to keep making those contacts, have fun and remember, there's a big world out there in Ham Radio.

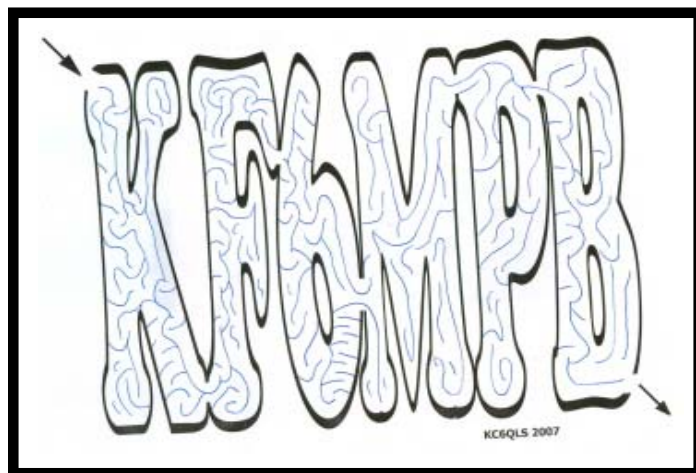
No longer just a voice on the radio, the spotlight shines on KF6MPB.

73!

Tassy KI6FIH



MAZE



Jokes " Zookie"

Was is a Zookie?

Lisie KI6EEK

**The Editor's
Corner
KC6QLS Paul**



Editor's Corner

Thank you to the following members who sent in their Field Day photos: Carl WA6PPG, Bridget KI6EEL, Ken KI6HRH and Mike KG6TDP.

Please keep in mind that the Counterpoise is your newsletter and your articles and photos are welcome. Please send your submissions to kc6qls@cox.net

Public Relations

The ARCEC covered the first weekend of the fair. Thank you to those who volunteered. We did have two individuals who were contacted through the booth at the fair join us at our Field Day site and then join the club. Welcome and we hope you enjoy the club.

The ARCEC Annual Picnic is coming up on August 4, 2007 at the La Mesita Park located at 8881 Dallas Street, La Mesa at 8 am. We plan on setting up a small station to work the radio and hope to have a T-Hunt again this year. If any of our members have questions about their radios, hand held radios or any aspect of amateur radio, our annual picnic is a great time to bring that radio and/or your question(s) and get some answers. There are usually lots of experienced Hams around who would be more than happy to share their knowledge and experiences with you. All members are welcome to come join in on the fun, and bring a friend or family member with you to see what the ARCEC is all about.

Lastly, remember the 2007 ARRL Convention is coming up on September 7, 8 and 9th and will be at the Marriot in Torrance. Flyers will be available at the next meeting or you can visit their website directly at www.hamcon.org

Paul Rios KC6QLS

Volunteers Needed

Up Coming Events

FS #6 Open House

Please Sign up at the next meeting

E-Mail

Address for the Counterpoise. Please submit all *Counterpoise* Mail to:

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Prize Table Needs Help

Thank you for your contributions to the Prize Table! We still need your Support and Help or it may just end up a thing of the past. We are looking for a Prize Chair person.

Things to keep in mind

Get on the El Cajon ARC Reflector

To sign up visit:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/elcajonarc/>

You will get the latest news about The Club and things going on in the Ham world.

Quote of the Month

"That which is grows, while that which is not becomes."

- Galen, Ibid



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El Cajon, CA 92020 (619) 440-4031

Crest Radio Museum

Pat Bunsold, WA6MHZ



These are the beautiful pair of Collins rigs donated by Gordon Shackleford AE6QW to the Museum. The receiver is a 75A-1 is a 80-10M unit from 1947. Only \$375 back then!! It has 14 tubes and weighs a hefty 57 lbs. An excellent description of it all is at the website: <http://www.wa3key.com/75a1.html> This is in great shape and the centerpiece for the Museum.

Also included was it's matching transmitter, the Collins 32V-1. Now this is HEAVY!!! 105 lbs means it is not being moved by anyone anytime soon!! It has the same frequency coverage as the 75A-1 and is good for 120W input on AM Phone or 150 on CW. This is also in great shape except needing a new glass on the dial and a couple knobs. I could fix these easily but it is just impossible to move!! Cost in 1947 was only \$475! Here is a link to more data on the 32V-1: <http://www.radioing.com/collins/tx06.html>

So, The Museum owes Gordon its most sincerest THANKS!! for possibly the most valuable addition in its history. I have always wanted a Collins station, and now here is one of the first ever Collins made! WOW!!

Pat Bunsold WA6MHZ
San Diego Section Manager
Curator, Crest Radio Museum



Special Event Station K6S

This year during Field Day El Cajon Members N6ERD and WA6L operated a Special Event Station K6S from the American Cancer Society Relay for Life at the UCSD North Track (Genessee and North Torrey Pines). They operated QRP (5W or less) 2B Battery and Solar Power. During the day, they monitored PSK-31 at 14070, CW near 14060 and 21060, and USB near 14.285, 21385, 28.885, 50.885 and also monitored 144.285 and 144.585 for local skeds. All were invited to stop by and see their station in action, or look for them near the QRP calling frequencies.

Club Attire

Shirts on hand. Call for Sizes

Get your jackets, hats and t-shirts. Show off your club colors and let all know that the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon is strong and growing. Contact:

K6PKS Paul Schmidt (619) 733-2284



Chicken Noole Soup for the Ham Radio Operator's Soul

"ARRL Announces Ham Radio Terms Added to Webster's Dictionary"

Turmoil and change have shaken the ranks of our hobby in recent years. Controversy over incentive licensing, the role of the code, and concern over the dwindling ranks of our hobby have caused angst and sown the seeds of division among hams, young and old. Now, with the spring of renewal in Cycle 23 upon us, it is time for a healing catharsis for our hobby, with "Chicken Noodle Soup for the Ham Radio Operator's Soul".

In a Newington press conference, ARRL officials have announced the latest Ham Radio terms to be added to Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary. "Terms may include technical descriptions or slang expressions which send Hams to the dictionary", explains QST Editor David Sleeper K1ZZZ. "To make it into the dictionary, the term must have "staying power" or sustained use among Radio Amateurs" Sleeper explains. In order to prove this "staying power", convincing evidence is needed that Hams are using the term and it is showing up in Amateur Radio conversations and in printed or on-line publications.

"Drama Ham"

A licensed Radio Amateur whose behavior is given to excessive on-air emotional reactions or performances. Usually describes activities on VHF frequencies, but sometimes includes HF frequencies, usually the 75 meter Amateur phone band. Not confined to political discourses. See also *VHFupset* or *UHFupset*.

"Empty frequency"

An ineffective Ham Radio operator, not operating on the air on a regular basis, lacking volunteer or local club involvement, not conscious of the need for involvement in public service. Little of substance to offer the hobby.

"QRTrepidation"

The apprehension surrounding the process of signing off, announcing you are "QRT", yet feeling someone will call you immediately after you press the "off" button.

"Wanamobileoverload"

The overwhelming urge to use Amateur Radio transmitting equipment to overload the amplification circuitry of a car stereo being played too loud on public streets. Usually experienced by Amateur Radio motorists in close proximity to the offending stereo equipment.

"Spinodial"

The phenomena Radio Amateurs experience when they turn or "spin" Ham Radio transceiver dials too quickly in order to QSY from one frequency to another. When "spinodial" occurs, Hams are aware QSOs are taking place between the point where they began the process of changing frequencies and the end point to where they eventually ended up, but execute the change so quickly as to render the content of the QSOs unintelligible.

"High Frequency Potato"

Ham Radio twist on well-known term *Couch Potato*. Describes Radio Amateurs who confine their operating activities to a single "HF" frequency.

"Blaberniche"

Frequency or repeater frequency pair where a Radio Amateur feels a sense of "belonging" and as a result, spends time talking to other Hams.

"Alumalust"

The irresistible urge to obtain, purchase, exchange item of like value for, an Amateur Radio antenna or supporting equipment. Confined to antennas made of aluminum, of sufficient length for resonance on Amateur frequencies. Rarely applies to antennas resonant on broadcast frequencies.

"Moradioitis"

Irrational desire to obtain, purchase, exchange item of like value for, a transceiver, receiver, or transmitting equipment, in quantities which exceed the potential owner's ability to operate within one human lifetime.

"Pariahphone"

An individual viewed unfavorably by other Ham Radio operators, due to excessive reliance on single sideband (SSB) or amplitude modulation (AM) of radio waves, as opposed to continuous wave modulation (CW). Usually confined to discussions regarding the role of Morse Code in the Amateur Radio hobby. See also *Pariahcode*.

Chicken Noole Soup Continued

"Antennaconceit"

Excessive admiration of one's own antenna structure, engineered for transmitting or receiving on Amateur frequencies.

"Immoderateant"

Amateur Radio transmitting or receiving antenna considered by other Radio Amateurs to be excessive in height or dimension. *Rarely used in Amateur Radio parlance.*

"Ham-handed"

Describes one who attempts to conduct normal activities while simultaneously holding a microphone or handheld radio for purposes of transmitting on Amateur Radio frequencies. Used within Amateur Radio circles as a term of endearment.

"Mobilimoderatantenna"

A mobile antenna of sufficient height or size to pose a significant distraction to other motorists who are not Radio Amateurs. See also *dramantenna*.

"Radionarcissim"

Excessive admiration for one's operating procedures, practiced while transmitting on Amateur Radio frequencies. May be expressed through on-air behavior, by deliberately engaging in artificial, and excessive dialogue with other Hams, in order to show off in front of others. Usually conducted on frequencies where others are assumed to be listening. Also includes lack of modesty in describing accomplishments related to Amateur Radio pursuits.

"Little dit"

Young male Ham who sends CW.

"Little dot"

Young female Ham who sends CW. See also *"crumb-pounder"*.

"Weller"

Originally a brand name for soldering iron used by Hams. Used by younger Hams to describe someone who is particularly attractive, or "hot" in youth parlance, as in "he or she is a real *weller*."

"DX Celibate"

A Ham who has forsaken the comforts of a regular, emotion-based personal relationship with a spouse, or significant other, for the avocation of chasing DX. May

describe one who has subordinated his or her marital relationship to chasing DX.

"Hambivalence"

Simultaneous contradictory feelings toward operation on Amateur Radio frequencies. A phenomena most frequently observed during low points in sunspot cycles. Also be used to describe sentiment toward attendance at Amateur Radio club meetings, depending on the guest speaker.

"QRU'er"

A Radio Amateur who checks into traffic nets, consistently without traffic, preferring to announce that the Ham is "QRU". One who checks into traffic or public service nets only to hear their own call signs.

"Social Solderbridge"

A licensed Radio Amateur who consistently exhibits behavior which interferes with the normal operation of Amateur Radio social organizations.

"Ticketletdown"

The disappointment experienced at Ham Radio events when a ticket holder's number is not drawn in a raffle. Intensity of *ticketletdown* is directly proportional to the value of items in the drawing. See also *raffledisappointment*.

"Gastric Bypass"

The practice of changing Amateur Radio frequencies to avoid hearing comments or conversation which may make he listener sick to one's stomach.

"Kenwood English"

A term used to describe the awkward, mangled phrasing which has come to be associated with the owners manuals of imported Japanese transceivers.

Morris is AZ6CW



Amateur Radio At Large

From Rich N6NKJ



Hello everyone,

On the 4th of July while many of you were enjoying an outing at the beach, or a picnic and BBQ in a park, twenty or more amateur radio operators spent the day in the back country on Red Flag patrols for CAL FIRE; this is the new name for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention. Every 4th of July, Roxanne Provaznik, Fire Prevention Specialist 2 who is also the information officer for CAL FIRE, asks us to go out on a patrol. We are looking for any smoke or flames, or other activity that could be a potential danger to people living in these areas. I want to thank all of the Ham Radio Operators who give up their time on each 4th of July to help with the CAL FIRE VIP/Red Flag patrols; you are a very special group of people.

A very good friend of mine, and member or former member of our club, Eric Crosser, N6SUB, had surgery at the veterans Hospital around June 16 or 17, and when I called him a few minutes ago, he told me that he is going to have go back to the hospital to have more surgery. Eric, we all wish you a speedy recovery. Eric has been my co-coordinator for the Red Flag Patrols for many years, and I sure missed him not being with us this year.

Just before I started to write this months article, Tuck Miller, NZ6T, called and said while he and another Ham named Pat, were manning the amateur radio booth at the fair, a girl came up to them and said she needed medical aid; according to Tuck, she had finger that was badly cut. Tuck told Pat to get on the radio and request medical aid which arrived very quickly.

Please let us not forget what the 4th of July really means; yes it is a time for family and friends getting together for BBQ's and later fire works. But there are many of our brave men and women in the Middle East who are seeing a different type of "Fire Works" more deadly than the ones we witnessed here.

One item I almost for got to include in this months article is that we have been invited to help our friends in REACT provide communications for the Thunder Boat races scheduled for September 14 through September 16. REACT has helped us out with two events, and we need to give our support to them for helping out our East County Amateur Radio Response Team during the Diabetes bike race, and for helping us on Red Flag Patrols. Here are two links to the boat races off REACT'S web site: www.thunderboats.net or www.hydroprop.com

GOD BLESS ALL THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN IN ALL THE BRANCHES OF THE U.S. MILITARY. Well, that's all for this month.

Rich, N6NKJ

Welcome New Members

New Members

Dave Barnard	AE6NA	WAMO # 1738
Ken Howard	KI6FSP	WAMO # 1739
Larry Johnson	K7URR	WAMO # 1740
Arvilla Johnson	No Call	

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73 Ann, KC6TBG





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